(Figures in Nos.)

Sl. No.	Category		No. of Posts
A.	**No. of Posts Sanctioned**		
	(a) Military Personnel in MES/BRO		
	—Officers		2029
	—JCOs		6167
	—Other Ranks		8303
	(b) Civilians in MES/BRO/Ordnance Factories		
	Group A		4144
	Group B		14385
	Group C		109917
	Group D		136472
	(c) Civil/Military personnel in DRDO		
	(i)	DRDS + Services Officers	07932
	(ii)	DRTC + JCO/MC/Others	15060
	(iii)	Admn. and Allied	10450
B.	**Vacancies**		60494
C.	**Steps taken to fill up the vacancies**		Special Recruitment drives are being undertaken through various recruitment agencies.

Resentment among jute mill workers

†*392. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great deal of resentment among the jute mill workers throughout the country and West Bengal in particular and they have threatened to launch an agitation;

(b) if so, the main demands of these workers; and

(c) the steps taken by Government so far, to meet their demands?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) to (c) The Jute Mill workers in 52 jute mills in West Bengal have gone on an indefinite strike from

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

December 14, 2009, in support of their demands which include stoppage of the unfair labour practices, payment of statutory dues, clearance of arrears of DA, regularization of contract workers and deduction of Provident Fund and ESI contribution on actual wages.

The State Government is the appropriate Government as per the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. The Government of West Bengal had convened a Tripartite Meeting on December 13, 2009, and the negotiations remained inconclusive. The Central Government had expressed concern twice to the Government of West Bengal in the last week of November and first week of December and solicited to take appropriate measures to resolve the issue.

Selection of NCC cadets in armed forces

*393. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of college students, both male and female, respectively in Punjab who joined the National Cadet Corps (NCC) during the last three academic years and this year, year-wise;

(b) the number of such NCC cadets selected for service in the armed forces during the last three years, male and female, separately, year-wise;

(c) the present rate of daily allowance for such cadets and whether there is any proposal to increase the same, in view of increasing cost of living; and

(d) if so, by when that is to be made effective from and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) The number of college students, both male and female, respectively, in Punjab who joined NCC during the last three academic years and this year, is given below year-wise:—

Year	Male	Female	Total
2006	11696	5727	17423
2007	10558	7139	17697
2008	11140	6320	17460
2009	10577	7293	17870

State-wise details of NCC Cadets selected for service in the Armed Forces is not readily available.

The NCC cadets are entitled for the following daily allowances:—

(i)	Messing allowance during camps	—	Rs. 40/- per day
(ii)	Messing allowance during Special National Integration Camps	—	Rs. 100/- per day
(iii)	Messing allowance during Republic Day Camps	—	Rs. 48.80/- per day